

**Minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting of Hawthorn Community Consolidated District #73, Lake County, Illinois conducted In-Person in accordance with Tier 3 Mitigation Requirements imposed through Executive Order 2020-73—reissued by Executive Order 2020-74
Meeting Location: Vernon Hills Village Hall, 290 Evergreen Drive, Vernon Hills, IL 60061**

7:00 p.m. on the 8th day of April, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

President Robin Cleek called the Board of Education meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

The Board Secretary called attendance and the following members attended in person: Joel Finfer, George Fievet, Victoria Helander-Heiser, Sonali Patil, Wesley Polen, Matt Jacobs and Robin Cleek. Also in attendance were the Asst. Supt. of Business & Finance LeeAnn Taylor, Asst. Supt. of Teaching, Learning & Innovation Allison Stein, Asst. Supt. for Human Resources Adam Palmer, Director of Innovative Learning Karen Maturo, Director of Instructional Technology John Reid and Superintendent Dr. Pete Hannigan.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – President Cleek congratulated the three candidates who won the election for a four-year seat on the Board of Education. Wesley Polen, Karl Borchers and Michael Engle will be sworn in at the April 22, 2021 Board of Education meeting.

RECOGNITION – Robin Cleek thanked the village again for the use of their board room. She also thanked the teachers, administrators and support staff for all of their efforts in getting everyone back into the school buildings. The students have been very successful returning to the classroom and we have the D73 staff to thank for that.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was made or emailed in.

PRESENTATIONS – D73 Hybrid Learning Update

Dr. Hannigan also thanked district staff for all of their support as we complete the final weeks of the school year. The district goals for the reopening of schools for 2020-2021 was reviewed. Also reiterated from the previous Board of Education meeting, the district will continue to follow the ISBE and IDPH guidance as revised on March 9, 2021. In following that guidance, as a unit the district continues to implement all mitigation strategies. As of the week of April 2nd, there were zero positive cases of Covid-19 for students; this information as well as totals for staff and students currently in quarantine are updated on the district dashboard every Friday. On-site & remote learning percentages were reviewed, as of Monday, April 5th over 59% of Hawthorn students are learning on site. The tentative next steps were presented which identified May 3rd as the transition back to onsite learning 5 days a week. The tentative fall of 2021 plan will be presented at the upcoming Board of Education meetings on April 22 and May 13.

The Restore Illinois plan is being shared as it relates to the 8th grade promotion ceremony, the phases and criteria that are required for events outside of the school day have specific guidance for each phase. Currently we are working with both middle schools and the Vernon Hills High School regarding the 8th grade promotion. June 1st has been determined as the promotion date, our goal is to have an indoor ceremony if possible, however the outdoor stadium has been reserved so that the event can take place on June 1st. The event time will be 6pm for Middle School South and 8 pm for Middle School North. The event will be livestreamed and outdoor spectator guidelines will be observed, if we are still in phase 4 it will be the lesser of 250 people or 25% capacity; we have roughly 250 students per building so a plan is being developed to see if we can work within those guidelines. If the traditional ceremony cannot be held, the stage in the gymnasiums will be outfitted for the event so that small groups of students in caps and gowns may walk through and have their photos taken and it will be live streamed. We do not yet have a rain date established. An update will follow at the April 22 Board meeting.

The continued sustainability of onsite learning relies heavily on the community efforts, please continue to abide by the 3 Ws, wash your hands, watch your distance and wear a mask.

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Please go to <https://www.hawthorn73.org/school-board/board-presentations/> to view the D73 Hybrid Learning Update presentation in its entirety.

DISCUSSION TOPICS

iPad Lease Update - Mr. John Reid, the Director of Technology introduced Dr. Karen Maturo the Director of Innovative Learning, the Assistant Superintendent of Teaching, Learning and Innovation Ms. Allison Stein and the Assistant Superintendent of Business and Finance Ms. LeeAnn Taylor. Together they presented information supporting the lease of iPads in accordance with the D73 Strategic Plan mission and vision.

As we strive to equip our students and teachers with the latest technology, iPads are the recommended devices which allow students to engage fully with experiences in-line with teacher's expertise, they are portable and easy to carry. Keyboard cases will be furnished to 3-5 grade students to continue enhancing their typing skills. The Bridges Math program continues to release many digital tools to support students and teachers. The iPads do support these instructional enhancements and activities. Students will be receiving an iPad tutorial at the beginning of each year, in addition the teachers will receive an overview of features and administrators will enhance school leadership by exploring ways to increase productivity and communication. Comparisons were provided for per pupil annual lease cost for Hawthorn, Glenview and Gurnee Elementary districts. The annual lease cost will be \$345,195 and the estimated buyback total for sold devices will be \$370,000 which is expected to cover the lease cost for the first year of the iPads.

As we embark on this 1:1 journey and diligently plan for the implementation of iPads for all PreK-5, it is important to reiterate that the power of technology as a tool our students can use to construct knowledge and express their creativity cannot be overstated.

Summer School Programming Fees - CSBO Ms. LeeAnn Taylor reported that out of the three summer programs, ESY, Summer Scholars and the Hawthorn Enrichment Institute. The enrichment program is the one that will have a fee attached to it based on a \$7.00 per hour attendance, this item will be included for approval at the next board meeting.

Middle School South Roof Replacement Bids - Ms. Taylor explained that seven contractors participated in the bid process for the roof replacement and the bid was awarded to All American Exterior Solutions at under the \$1.4 million budgeted for the replacement.

Middle School North Boiler Replacement Bids - Ms. Taylor stated that eleven contractors bid on the boiler replacement and it was awarded to Oak Brook Mechanical for \$208,798. Both of the construction projects will be on the agenda for approval at the April 22 Board of Education meeting.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - Dr. Hannigan shared information relating to summer school, classes will be held from June 14 through July 8 on Monday - Thursday from 8:00a.m. to 11:55a.m. No classes will be held on Monday, July 5th. The course booklet is expected to be released on May 1st. Our 90-day School Improvement Plans will be reviewed next week, our schools are doing a phenomenal job and we are looking forward to celebrating their success. Lastly Adam Boyd, our School Resource Officer (SRO) is being promoted, so candidates are being interviewed for his replacement and the new SRO will be announced at the May 13th Board of Education meeting.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT - President Robin Cleek mentioned that if anyone has any interest in contributing a resolution for the delegate assembly during the IASB Triple I conference, they are due June 23rd so any resolutions would need to be presented to the board at the May 13th meeting in order to be voted on at the June meeting. The April 29th date is being reserved as a backup date for the Board of Education reorganization if the canvass of votes have not been certified by the County Clerk on April 22nd. Lastly, suggestions were asked for to include information for incoming Board of Education members.

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ED-RED REPORT – Ms. Victoria Helander-Heiser reported that the ED-RED executive board will be finalizing the language for the Executive Director position on April 9th, the candidate is currently a staff member of an Illinois legislature.

SEDOL REPORT – Mr. Matt Jacobs indicated that SEDOL is working with Net56 on cybersecurity items and they are currently working on the calendar for next year.

KEY to 73 REPORT – Mr. George Fievet introduced foundation members Amy Lamberti, Mike Schenk and Rebecca Schneider who presented the Board of Education and District 73 with a check to continue internet access for families in the district. \$21,170.82 was presented for this purpose. A big thank you to the Hawthorn families and businesses who donated these funds to benefit students at Hawthorn. The foundation's golf outing is scheduled for Thursday, June 10 at White Deer Run. There will be a 11:00 a.m registration and lunch, for more information, please see the website at keyto73foundation.org.

SITE & FACILITIES SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT – CSBO LeeAnn Taylor reported that the committee met on April 7th. Board Member Dr. Sonali Patil explained that the main projects discussed were the boiler and roof projects. Some of the other projects will be once the weather warms up, such as the landscaping. GSF were able to be utilized more during the summer months, but with the additional Covid-19 cleaning, we may have to go out to bid for landscape work. Middle North construction will be completed soon, so we will be focusing on Elementary South and other items on the master plan. Smaller projects were discussed such as window replacements, that can be done when school is in session.

CONSENT AGENDA

- 7.1 Board Meeting Minutes 3/11/21
- 7.2 Closed Session Minutes 3/11/21
- 7.3 Expenditure Report for April 8, 2021
- 7.4 Amazon Expense Report for April 8, 2021
- 7.5 Approval of One Year Administrator Contracts for the 2021-2022 school year
- 7.6 Personnel Report

4 New Hires: Melissa Bernal, Teacher, DL; Yuridia Mancilla, Teacher, DL; Crystal Bratman, IA, EN; Melissa Bernal, IA, DL (3/29/21).

4 Resignations: Savannah Robinson, Lunch/Recess, YL; Carmen Rodriguez, Lunch/Recess, EN; Kerry VanderMey, IA, TL; Jocelyn Rios, Lunch/Recess, DL.

3 Leave of Absence: Robert Collins, Principal, MN; Kimberly McFarlin, PE, YL; Rebecca Prince, 5th, TL.

3 Retirements: Jodi Jost, IA, TL; Jane DeCaluwe, IA, TL; Pam Heidner, IA, TL.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Joel Finfer moved that the Board of Education approve the **Consent Agenda** items as presented; seconded by George Fievet.

Roll Call Vote: Wesley Polen, Sonali Patil, Robin Cleek, Joel Finfer, George Fievet, Victoria Helander-Heiser and Matt Jacobs.

Motion carried: 7 ayes; 0 nays

President Robin Cleek explained to the community why the Superintendent's contract renewal is voted on at this time rather than during his final year. When the renewal coincides with an election year it is appropriate to vote a year early rather than have newly seated board members vote on renewing the Superintendent contract.

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ACTION ITEMS –

Approval of Superintendent Contract

MOTION: Joel Finfer moved that the Board of Education approve the new multi-year District Superintendent Employment Agreement with Dr. Peter Hannigan, for a term from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2026; Wesley Polen seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Wesley Polen, Sonali Patil, Robin Cleek, Joel Finfer, George Fievet, Victoria Helander-Heiser and Matt Jacobs.

Motion carried: 7 ayes; 0 nays

President Robin Cleek thanked Dr. Hannigan for his service to the district, students and families during his first two years at Hawthorn. It has been a very eventful time including the flood of Aspen Drive, celebrating the Blue Ribbon Award at Elementary South, working towards a new Strategic Plan and reaching a fair and equitable agreement with the negotiation of the new teacher contract. During the unprecedented global pandemic Dr. Hannigan has continued to support the district during the opening of our new School for Young Learners, implementing our new Strategic Plan and continuing with construction on multiple buildings and advancing our master plan. Your actions show that you share our passion to continue to make Hawthorn a lighthouse district.

Approval of Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Business Operations, CSBO Contract

MOTION: Joel Finfer moved that the Board of Education approve the new multi-year Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Business Operations Employment Agreement with LeeAnn Taylor, for a term from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2024; Wesley Polen seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Wesley Polen, Sonali Patil, Robin Cleek, Joel Finfer, George Fievet, Victoria Helander-Heiser and Matt Jacobs.

Motion carried: 7 ayes; 0 nays

Lakeside Transportation Contract

MOTION: Joel Finfer moved that the Board of Education approve the Lakeside Transportation Contract as presented; George Fievet seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Wesley Polen, Sonali Patil, Robin Cleek, Joel Finfer, George Fievet, Victoria Helander-Heiser and Matt Jacobs.

Motion carried: 7 ayes; 0 nays

iPad Lease

MOTION: Joel Finfer moved that the Board of Education approve the iPad lease as presented; Matt Jacobs seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Wesley Polen, Sonali Patil, Robin Cleek, Joel Finfer, George Fievet, Victoria Helander-Heiser and Matt Jacobs.

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Motion carried: 7 ayes; 0 nays

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Enrollment
2. FOIA Log, Dr. Hannigan reported that there were two commercial FOIA requests received since the last board meeting of which both have been responded to as identified in Section 9.2 of the Board agenda.
3. Board Email Log
4. Media Clips

TOPICS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION – None at this time.

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION – With no further business to discuss Joel Finfer made a motion to adjourn to Closed Session; seconded by Matt Jacobs; meeting adjourned TO CLOSED SESSION at 8:04 p.m. **All in favor? Yes.**

Motion carried: 7 ayes; 0 nays

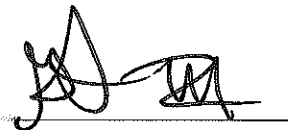
Pursuant to 5 ILCS Robin Cleek read the motion(s) to adjourn to CLOSED SESSION for the purposes of: The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, specific individuals who serve as independent contractors, or specific volunteers of the District or legal counsel for the District, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee, a specific individual who serves as an independent contractor, or a volunteer of the District or against legal counsel for the District to determine its validity. However, a meeting to consider an increase in compensation to a specific employee of a public body that is subject to the Local Government Wage Increase Transparency Act may not be closed and shall be open to the public and posted and held in accordance with this Act. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1), amended by P.A. 101-459.

Reconvened back to open session at 9:01 p.m. and with no further business to discuss, the open session was immediately adjourned at 9:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Bobbi Elftmann



Robin Cleek, President



George Fievet, Secretary

Date Minutes Approved: 4/22/21